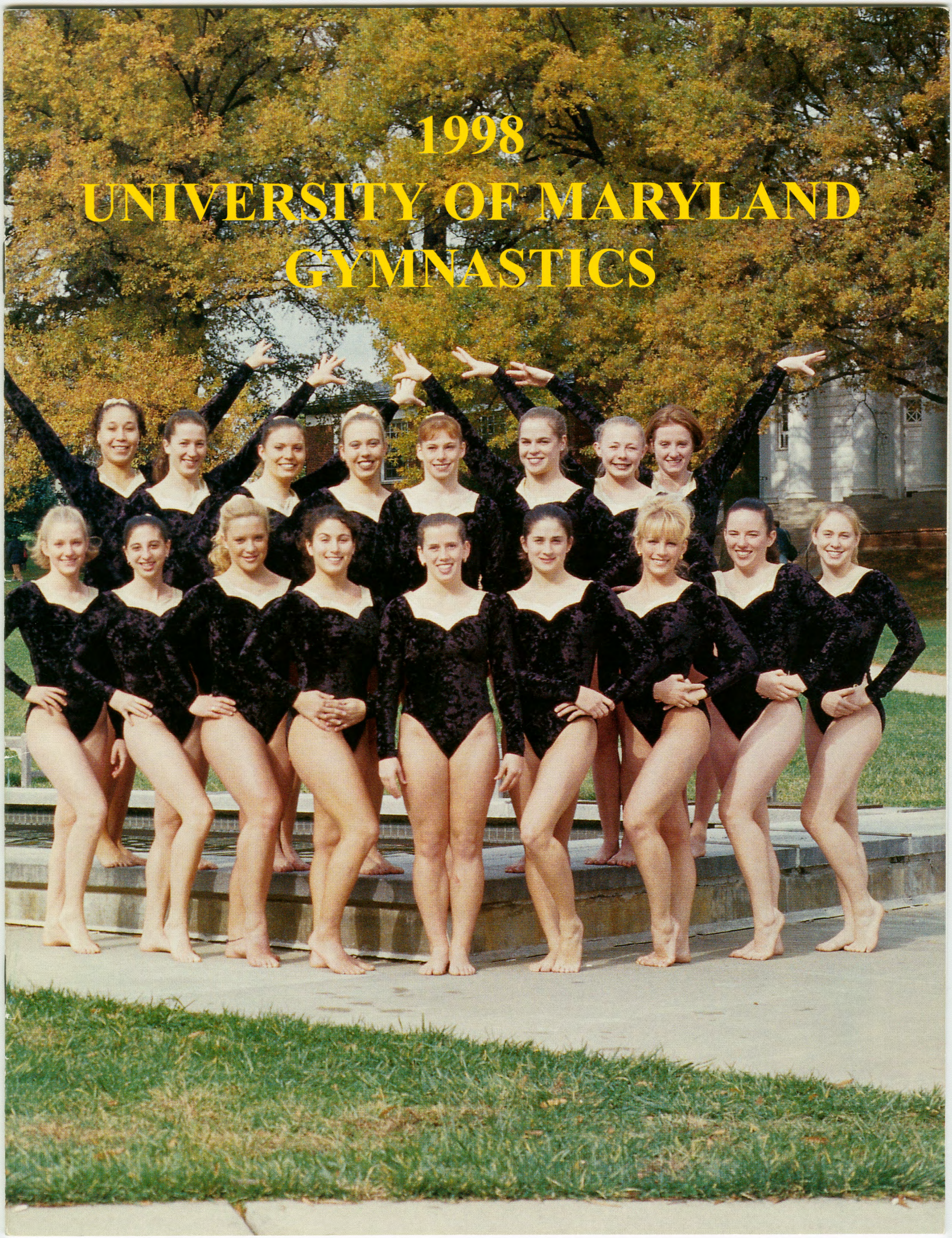
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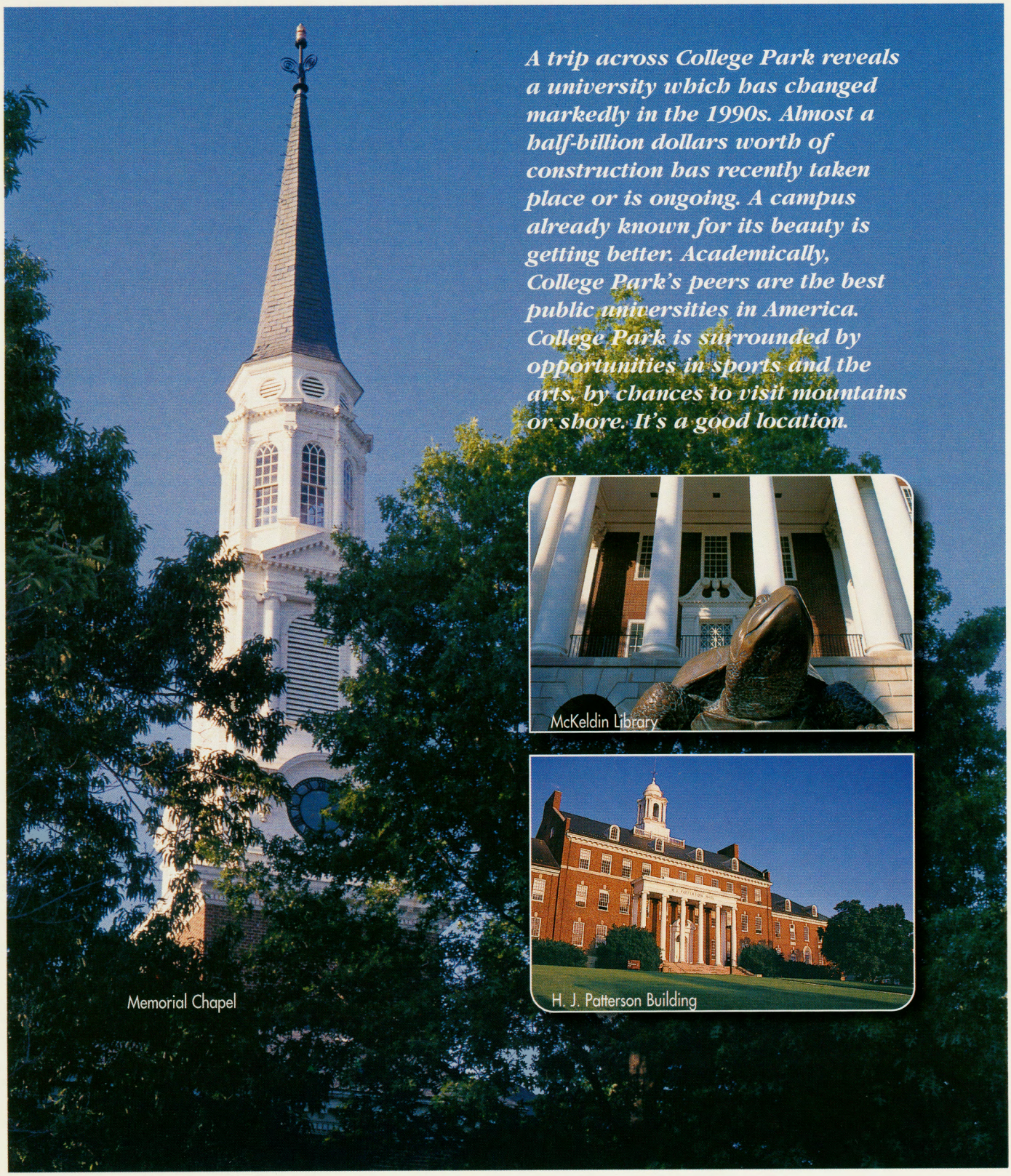

A trip across College Park reveals a university which has changed markedly in the 1990s. Almost a half-billion dollars worth of construction has recently taken place or is ongoing. A campus already known for its beauty is getting better. Academically, College Park's peers are the best public universities in America. College Park is surrounded by opportunities in sports and the arts, by chances to visit mountains or shore. It's a good location.

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Founded 1807
Enrollment.....33,006
President.....Dr. William E. Kirwan (Kentucky '60)
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Nickname.....Terrapins
Colors .....Red, White, Black, & Gold
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GYMNASTICS INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Bob Nelligan (Massachusetts '72)
Record at Maryland.....238-189-2 (19 yrs.)
Career Record .....238-189-2 (19 yrs.)
Assistant Coach .....Rhonda Faehn-Tetreault (UCLA '94)
Conference.....Eastern Atlantic Gymnastics League
1997 Record 11-18
1997 Conference Record/Place 2-13/5th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 14/0

On the Cover: The 1998 University of Maryland Women's Gymnastics Team: Top Row (from left to right) - Shelly Hernandez, Jenny Wright, Elize Burke, Lauren Urbaniak, Stacy Breidenbach, Rachel Dolbin, Kelley Callaway, and Megyn Byrnes.
Bottom Row: Karyn Fein, Shannon Buckley, Jenna Murphy, Ashly Albert, Christine Holcombe, Jenny Engel, Alexis Moran, Denise Driscoll, and Jodi Morgan.

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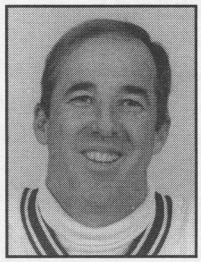
THE COACHING STAFF



Head coach Bob Nelligan enters his 19th year at the helm of the Maryland Gymnastics program. Since joining the program in 1979, he has played a critical role in transforming the Terrapins into a nationally-recognized competitor.

Nelligan, in addition to coaching, is also in charge of implementing all aspects of the training program and is crucial to the recruiting process. Furthermore, he is in charge of monitoring all NCAA regulatory issues and ensures that the team complies.

Aside from his gymnastics duties, Nelligan is the Assistant to the Director of the Maryland Gymkana Troupe. It is the only touring exhibitional gymnastics troupe in the country. Nelligan is also the co-founder of the Maryland Gymkana Camp, and on numerous occasions has been a guest lecturer in the Health and Human Performance Department. Furthermore, he has taught classes in gymnastics, badminton, basketball, and fencing. One of the most important contributions Nelligan has made is his pioneering of a wellness program for varsity athletes at the University. He is currently in the process of implementing the wellness program to all of the University's sports. Originally from Braintree, Massachusetts, Nelligan began his gymnastics career as a coach and teacher at the Weymouth South School in Weymouth, Massachusetts. In 1972, he obtained a position as an instructor and coach at the Marvateens Gymnastics School in Rockville, Maryland. From 1973 to 1975, Nelligan was a Physical Education instructor and the gymnastics, lacrosse, and softball coach at the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, New York. In 1975, Nelligan was named as the Chairman of the Physical Education Department at the Masters School, and remained so until 1979, when he took over the Maryland Gymnastics coaching responsibilities.

In that time he has greatly improved the Maryland gymnastics program, in terms of both performance in meets and in the classroom, demonstrated by the fact that the Maryland gymnastics program earned the Presidents Award for the top academic program in the country in 1989. Besides stressing academic achievement, Nelligan helps his gymnasts reach their full potential in competition as well. This past summer Nelligan coached senior Jenny Wright, Bermuda's first international gymnast, at the World University Games in Catalina, Sicily, and he consistently is able to get every gymnast to perform at her highest level.

In addition to a constant work schedule during the academic year, Nelligan finds himself extremely busy during the summer as well. Aside from working with the Maryland Gymkana Troupe, Nelligan is also a Director and Master staff member at the Woodward Gymnastics Camp in Woodward, Pennsylvania.

Nelligan is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches, the U.S. Elite Coaches Association, the University of Massachusetts Alumni Association, and the Maryland Gymkana Troupe.

Nelligan received his B.S. in Physical Education from the University of Massachusetts in 1971.

He and his wife, Chris, have two children, Brett and Kelsey. In his free time, Nelligan enjoys skiing, tennis, and playing the guitar. In the future, he would like to get involved in more international competitions.

"It is senseless to work with no hope of greatness."

In her second year with Maryland Gymnastics, assistant coach Rhonda Faehn-Tetreault brings a tremendous deal of experience and much success to the program. Originally from Coon Rapids, Minnesota, she was a member of the 1988 Olympic Team and has previously trained under the world famous coach Bela Karolyi.

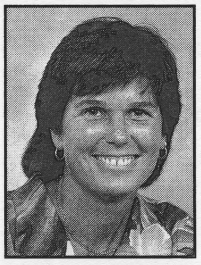
In addition to the Olympics, Faehn-Tetreault has seen action in other gymnastics competitions. In 1988, she was the United States vault champion, scoring a perfect 10.0 and in 1987 was the highest U.S. finisher at the World Championships. In that same year, Faehn-Tetreault also was a Pan-American Games gold medalist. She was a member of the U.S. National Team for four consecutive years and prior to coming to Maryland, she was the head coach at Lanco Gymnatics Training Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Faehn-Tetreault also assisted the women's gymnastics program at UCLA for two years under Valorie Kondos.

In her time at the Lanco Gymnastics School, from 1994 to 1996, Faehn-Tetreault organized a team program for levels 4-10. She was in charge of choreography for the beam and floor exercises and coached her level 9 team to a state championship. She was also a Master staff member, clinician, and counselor at the USAGTC Gymnastics Camps in California and Massachusetts, the International Gymnastics Camp in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and the Woodward Gymnastics Camp in Woodward, Pennsylvania.

Faehn-Tetreault graduated from UCLA in 1994 with a B.A. in History and is married to Craig Tetreault, the head coach at Rebounder's Gymnastics Club in Timonium, Maryland.

"Happy are those who dream dreams and are willing to pay the price to make them come true."

GYMNASTICS SUPPORT STAFF

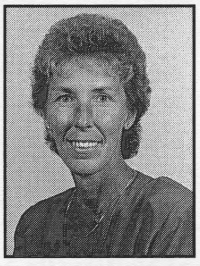


Patricia Nicol - Assistant Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator

Patricia Nicol's outstanding competitive record, as an adminstrator and a student-athlete, brought her to Maryland as Assistant Athletic Director for seven sports, and Senior Women's Administrator. Nicol came to Maryland after a successful tenure as Associate Athletic Director and SWA at Providence College from 1990-96. Nicol now has the responsibility of overseeing 13 of the most successful sports at Maryland. She is in charge of the nationally ranked women's lacrosse, soccer, volleyball and field hockey teams, the nationally ranked men's lacrosse and men's soccer teams and the nationally recognized women's basketball, gymnastics and women's softball teams. In addition, she oversees the men's and women's tennis and swimming programs.

She was an outstanding track and field performer as an undergraduate at the University of Rhode Island. She earned both her bachelor's and master's degree from the university and was admitted to the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990. She served as the head cross country and women's track and field coach at West Virginia University from 1983-1984.

Nicol is a native of Providence, Rhode Island, and has two children, Christine, 13, and Michael, 11.



Sandy Worth - Head Athletic Trainer

Sandy Worth has been affiliated with Maryland athletics and the athletic training staff since 1973. As the Head Athletic Trainer for the Department of Athletics, Worth coordinates and directs the medical care for the football team and supervises the operations of Maryland's state-of-the-art training room in the football complex.

Worth supervises and schedules a professional staff of five full-time assistants and a staff of student-athletic trainers. Worth's staff supplies medical assistance to all of Maryland's intercollegiate athletic programs.

Worth served as associate athletic trainer before her appointment to head trainer. As associate trainer, she managed the main training room in Cole Field House. She was responsible for 14 teams, which included the nationally competitive women's basketball, lacrosse, and field hockey teams, along with the wrestling, gymnastics, and men's and women's swimming and diving teams. Worth also supervised the instruction of the student trainers working with the various athletic teams. She was the trainer for four national championship women's lacrosse teams and one field hockey national championship team and the women's basketball team when it won eight ACC titles.

Worth received her bachelor's degree in physical education from Maryland in 1973.

Barry Kagan - Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach

Before the women's gymnastics team can compete at its finest, the strength and conditioning staff prepares the athletes for game day. Proper training in the offseason leads to top performances by individuals and a winning record for the team as a whole. The Terrapins utilize the most innovative equipment in strength training with access to a state-of-the-art weight room. This new technology ensures that the athletes are in prime condition to enter competition.

As the assistant strength and conditioning coach, Barry Kagan works closely with the women's gymnastics team to guarantee a successful program. Kagan began working with Maryland athletics four years ago while still a student in College Park.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Kinesiological Sciences in December of 1995 after completing a thesis in which he compared 40-yard sprint times among female collegiate athletes. Kagan was also a Terrapin cheerleader during his collegiate career.

Demetrius Marlowe - Assistant Athletic Director

Demetrius Marlowe is in his first year at Maryland as Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Support and Career Development. Marlowe oversees and directs the academic support unit for all student-athletes, coordinates the departmental drug testing and drug education programs and directs the implementation of a comprehensive career development program for all of Maryland's student-athletes.

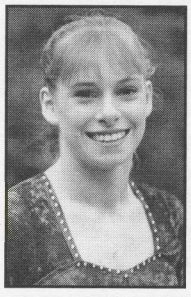
Marlowe comes to Maryland from Syracuse University where he served as the Academic Coordinator for football for two years. At Syracuse, he was responsible for the management of all academic support services for the football program. His duties included the development, implementation and evaluation of pre-season orientations, study tables, tutorial services, and the development and monitoring of continuing eligibility and academic progress toward graduation. In addition, his contribution to Syracuse University has led to one of the country's first NCAA/CHAMPS Life Skills program for student-athletes.

Marlowe has worked in an environment which sustained a student-athlete graduation rate of 85 percent and has been described as one of the "most innovative leaders in forwarding the mission of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes."

1998 TERRAPIN GYMNASTS

1998 MARYLAND GYMNASTICS ROSTER

NAME	YEAR	HEIGHT	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Ashly Albert	Sophomore	5'1	Pittsburgh, Pa./Upper St. Clair
Stacy Breidenbach	Senior	5'1	Hillsdale, N.J./Pleasant Valley (Pa.)
Shannon Buckley	Sophomore	5'2	Scotch Plains, N.J./Scotch Plains Fanwood
Elize Burke	Sophomore	5'5	Bowdoinham, Me./Mt. Ararat
Megyn Byrnes	Senior	5'8	Mahopac, N.Y./Mahopac
Kelley Callaway	Senior	5'4	Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills
Rachel Dolbin	Sophomore	5'5	Pottsville, Pa./Pottsville
Denise Driscoll	Junior	5'2	Sewell, N.J./Paul VI
Jenny Engel	Junior	5'2	Monrovia, Md./Linganore
Karyn Fein	Freshman	5'2	Charlotte, N.C./Providence
Shelly Hernandez	Sophomore	5'8	Silver Spring, Md./Montgomery Blair
Christine Holcombe	Junior	5'0	McMurray, Pa./Peters Township
Alexis Moran	Senior	5'2	Minersville, Pa./Minersville
Jodi Morgan	Freshman	5'3	East Petersburg, Pa./Hempfield
Jenna Murphy	Freshman	5'2	Canton, Mass./Canton
Lauren Urbaniak	Senior	5'4	Pottstown, Pa./Owen J. Robert
Jenny Wright	Senior	5'6	Smiths, Bermuda/Bermuda



Stacy Breidenbach - Senior - 5'1 - All -Around - Hillsdale, N.J./Pleasant Valley (Pa.)

One of the Terrapins' most consistent and seasoned competitors. **1997:** Tied individual record on the vault at the Spartan Invitational with a 9.775 and tied individual meet highs on the balance beam (9.775) and the floor (9.700) versus Northern Illinois. Placed 14th overall at the EAGL Championships in Raleigh, North Carolina (38.125) and was named to the EAGL first team for the balance beam. Finished 10th all-around at the Southeast Regional Championships (38.450). Received the Academic President's Award and earned a position on the Maccabiah Games qualifying team over the summer. **1996:** Set a Maryland record with a 9.85 on the balance beam and competed in the NCAA Southeast Regionals and received a 37.975 all-around score. **1995:** Competed in every meet as a freshman and was an all-around winner against Temple and George Washington.

1997 Season Highs: Balance Beam - 9.775, Bars - 9.775, Floor - 9.8, Vault - 9.725, All-Around - 38.450

Personal: Born 5/8/76 ... Daughter of Richard and Karen Breidenbach ... Will be married in August 1998 ... Majoring in Animal Science. **"Well begun is half done."**

Megyn Byrnes - Senior - 5'8 - All-Around - Mahopac, N.Y./Mahopac

A strong, experienced, and extremely consistent veteran. One of Maryland's top returnees. **1997:** Set meet highs with a 9.8 on bars against Rhode Island and a 9.825 on the floor at the Bubble Invitational. Also set individual Maryland records at the Governor's Cup meet on the vault (9.775) and in the all-around competition (38.950). At the EAGL Championships, she placed 10th on the bars (9.800) and finished sixth overall with a 38.8 and made the EAGL second-team for all-around competition and bars. Finished 20th overall in her third consecutive Southeast Regional performance with a 37.775. **1996:** Participated in all of Maryland's meets and showed continuous improvement. Set a Maryland all-around record with a 38.925 at the EAGL Championships. **1995:** Appeared in all of the Terrapins' meets and placed first on the floor against Cornell and Yale with a 9.7. Competed in the USA Collegiate National Championships.

1997 Season Highs: Balance Beam - 9.8, Bars - 9.825, Floor - 9.825, Vault - 9.775, All-Around - 38.975

Personal: Born 2/8/76 ... Daughter of Stephen and Kathleen Byrnes ... Sister of Katy Byrnes, a freshman on Maryland's women's soccer team ... Wants to become a television sports reporter or producer ... Majoring in Broadcast Journalism.

"Take it to the limit, one more time."

Kelley Callaway - Senior - 5'4 - Bars Specialist - Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills

Returns as a strong contender for the uneven bars. Has improved greatly since walking on the team as a freshman. **1997:** Scored a 9.6 on the bars at the Spartan Invitational and eclipsed that mark at the Bubble Invitational with a 9.625. **1996:** Competed on bars in every meet. Her best set of 1996 was a 9.675 against Pittsburgh, James Madison, and Indiana (Pa.). Participated in the NCAA Southeast Regionals scoring a 9.675. **1995:** Competed on uneven bars in eight meets. Suffered a shoulder injury midway through the season which limited her ability to compete.

1997 Season Highs: Bars - 9.625

Personal: Born 7/23/76 ... Daughter of Sherry and Dick Callaway ... Majoring in Marketing/Logistics and Transportation.

"Only you can make it happen."

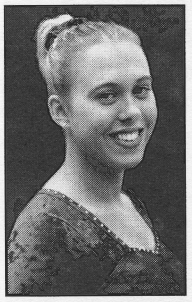
Alexis Moran - Senior - 5'2 - Bars, Beam, & Vault - Minersville, Pa./Minersville

1997: Competed in every meet on bars and scored a personal season-high 9.825 two times, including once against Radford, when she also captured first place on bars. Finished 16th overall on the bars at the EAGL Championships. **1996:** Set the Maryland individual vault record with a 9.875 against Pittsburgh, James Madison, and Indiana (Pa.). Participated on bars and beam in all of Maryland's meets. Vaulted in four meets for the Terrapins and saw action at the NCAA Southeast Regionals on the vault, bars, and beam. Had arthoscopic surgery on her ankle which limited some of her ability. **1995:** An ankle injury limited her action as a freshman, but she placed first on the bars in four meets during her freshman year. Took home first place on the bars at the 1995 USA Collegiate National Championships. Achieved a team high bars score with a 9.75 against Cornell and Yale.

1997 Season Highs: Bars - 9.825, Beam - 9.050

Personal: Born 3/20/76 ... Daughter of Joyce and Edward Moran ... Wants to pursue a career in sports communicaton ... Majoring in Communications.

"Adversity causes some people to break down, others to break records."



Lauren Urbaniak - Senior -5'4 - All-Around - Pottstown, Pa./Owen J. Roberts

Fully recovered from achilles surgery that limited her participation last season and due to her hard work ethic and dedication, she has been named team co-captain this year. Expected to contribute in all events now that she is healthy. **1997:** Competed in Maryland's first three meets on the balance beam and floor before her injury. Posted season-highs on the beam (9.650) and the floor (9.550) in the Terrapins' first meet against Rhode Island. **1996:** Competed in all of Maryland's meets and showed steady improvement. One of several Terrapins who competed in NCAA Southeast Regionals. **1995:** Competed in every meet up to the time of her season-ending foot injury. Showed impressive first-year numbers on the vault and floor.

1997 Season Highs: Balance Beam - 9.650, Floor - 9.550, Vault - 9.225

Personal: Born 12/25/76 ... Daughter of Maureen and James Urbaniak ... Would like to move to Florida and work as a movie stuntwoman after graduation ... Majoring in Psychology.

"Pain is temporary, pride is forever."

Jenny Wright - Senior - 5'6 - All-Around - Smiths, Bermuda/Bermuda

Veteran returnee who has been named captain for the second consecutive year. Has great work ethic and could contribute to the team in all of the events. **1997:** Competed on the balance beam in seven of Maryland's meets, including the EAGL Championships. Posted a season-high score of 9.550 at the EAGL's, placing her third among Terrapin gymnasts and 29th overall. Competed in the World University Games becoming Bermuda's first international competitor. Named a Scholar Athlete for the third straight year and earned EAGL All-Academic Honors. **1996:** Participated on vault in four meets and on bars in one. Scored a season-high vault (9.225) at the Towson Invitational. **1995:** Competed in all but one meet as a freshman. Achieved a personal-best vault score (9.325) against North Carolina.

1997 Season Highs: Balance Beam - 9.550

Personal: Born 5/8/75 ... Daughter of Annette and David Wright ... Future ambition is to open her own gymnastics club or become the head coach of the Bermuda Gymnastics Association ... Majoring in General Business.

"It's not how good you are, but how much better you are going to get."

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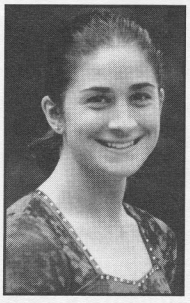
Denise Driscoll - Junior - 5'2 - Bars Specialist - Sewell, N.J./Paul VI

Great attitude and strong work ethic makes her one of the Terrapins' strongest competitors on the uneven bars. Transferred from Northeastern in 1997 and walked on the team, making an immediate impact. Is expected to contribute heavily again this season. Earned ECAC All-American honors in both the 1995 and 1996 seasons. **1997:** Did not compete due to a shoulder injury.

Personal: Born 10/22/76 ... Daughter of Mildred and Paul Driscoll ... Would like to have a career in computer animation, producing movies and games ... Majoring in Computer Science.

"Losers quit when they're tired, winners quit when they've won."



Jenny Engel - Junior - 5'2 - All-Around - Monrovia, Md./Linganore

One of Maryland's most pleasant surprises. An extremely talented former walk-on who earned a scholarship through her hard work in the gym and the classroom. Expected to contribute in all events this season. **1997:** Competed in all of Maryland's meets and finished ninth in all-around competition at the EAGL Championships with a 38.4, marking her best all-around score of the season. Placed among the top 50 competitors at the EAGL's in all events and was one of four Terrapins to take part in the NCAA Southeast Regionals. At the NCAAs, she again finished in the top 50 for all four events and placed 25th overall. Her second-best performance of the season came against Pittsburgh, New Hampshire, and Bowling Green where she scored a 38.125 and a 9.35 or higher in each event. **1996:** Competed in every Terrapin meet on the vault and floor. Showed much improvement from the previous year after getting some experience under her belt.

1997 Season Highs: Bars - 9.550, Beam - 9.725, Floor - 9.725, Vault - 9.7

Personal: Born 7/3/77 ... Daughter of Linda and Bill Engel ... Majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

"You are what you think you are."

Christine Holcombe - Junior - 5'0 - All-Around - McMurray, Pa./Peters Township

Tough competitor who is expected to be a serious threat to all opponents this season. **1997:** Did not compete. **1996:** Saw action in every event at every meet. Gained tremendous confidence and experience during the season. Took first-place overall at the George Washington Invitational. Participated in the NCAA Southeast Regionals in all events, and at the EAGL Championships scored a 38.6 in the all-around competition. This score marked the highest all-around score ever by a freshman at Maryland. She also scored a 9.75 on the vault, tying both Ronanne Comerford and teammate Megyn Byrnes for best individual vault in Maryland history.

Personal: Born 6/14/77 ... Daughter of Barbara and Norman Holcombe ... Majoring in Psychology.

"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

Rachel Dolbin - Sophomore - 5'5 - All-Around - Pottsville, Pa./Pottsville

Coming off an amazing freshman year where she was selected as the EAGL Rookie of the Year. Expected to do great things during her sophomore campaign and also expected to be one of the top all-around competitors for the Terrapins. **1997:** As a freshman, she consistently posted all-around scores above 38.0. Set a new Maryland gymnastics record by scoring a 39.250 in all-around competition against Radford. Included in that performance were first-place finishes on both the beam and the floor. In addition, in Maryland's first meet against Rhode Island, she posted a meet-high on the beam (9.850), setting a new Terrapin individual record. Finished 13th in all-around competition at the EAGL Championships with a 38.175 and tied for sixth on the uneven bars (9.85). Selected to both the EAGL second-team for bars and all-around. Competed in the NCAA Southeast Regionals on the uneven bars, finishing 14th with a score of 9.725.

1997 Season Highs: Bars - 9.850, Beam - 9.850, Floor - 9.850, Vault - 9.8

Personal: Born 5/31/78 ... Daughter of Jane and Jack Dolbin ... Majoring in Kinesiology.

"Win without boasting, lose without excuses."

Ashly Albert - Sophomore - 5'1 - Vault & Beam - Pittsburgh, Pa./Upper St. Clair

Walk-on who has made great strides since arriving at Maryland. Contributed on both vault and balance beam last year. Look for her to be a strong contender in those events again. **1997:** Scored a 9.7 on the vault against Radford, contributing to Maryland's record-setting team score of 193.800. Scored a 8.750 on her one beam performance against Towson State, George Washington, Pennsylvania, William & Mary, and Temple.

1997 Season Highs: Vault - 9.7, Beam - 8.750

Personal: Born 8/13/78 ... Daughter of Marla and Dean Albert ... Majoring in Astronomy.

"Life is what you make it, so live it, love it, and have no regrets."

Shannon Buckley - Sophomore - 5'2 - Beam - Scotch Plains, N.J./Scotch Plains Fanwood

Walk-on whose positive attitude and hard work will help her to improve her skills and enable her to be a contributor for the Terrapins in the future. Spent last season rehabilitating a knee injury. **1997:** Did not compete because of injury, but earned Dean's List honors in the Spring.

Personal: Born 7/29/78 ... Daughter of Ellen and John Buckley ... Wants to pursue a career in sports medicine ... Has yet to declare a major.

"Hard work and dedication are the keys to success."

Elize Burke - Sophomore - 5'5 - All-Around - Bowdoinham, Me./Mt. Ararat

Hard and consistent worker who walked on the team last year. May see some action this season in various events. Made Dean's List in both the Fall of 1996 and Spring of 1997. **1997:** Did not compete, but exhibitioned on the beam at the Governor's Cup.

Personal: Born 7/22/78 ... Daughter of Lennie and Edward Burke ... Ambition is to become a child psychologist ... Majoring in Psychology.

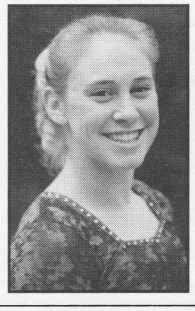
"If it's hard, do it hard."

Shelly Hernandez - Sophomore - 5'8 - Vault, Floor, & Bars - Silver Spring, MD/ Montgomery Blair

Walk-on who has turned out to be the Terrapins' strongest competitor on the vault. Will contribute heavily on the floor and is working hard to also contribute on the uneven bars. **1997:** Competed in every Terrapin meet on the vault and in seven meets on the floor. Twice set the Maryland individual record on the vault, first against Northern Illinois (9.8) and then one meet later she broke that mark against Radford with a score of 9.850, which also earned her first place in the meet. Competed at the EAGL Championships on the vault and finished 40th with a score of 9.475 and was named to the All-EAGL second-team on the vault. **1997 Season Highs:** Vault - 9.85, Floor - 9.525

Personal: 1/27/78 ... Daughter of Geraldine Hernandez ... Wants to pursue a career in the FBI ... Has yet to declare a major.

"Your greatest asset is your individuality. Express it."



Jodi Morgan - Freshman - 5'2 - All-Around - East Petersburg, Pa./Hempfield

Gifted athlete who should immediately become one of the starting six competitiors. **High School:** Junior Olympic National competitor. Placed fourth all-around at the 1997 Level 10 Regionals with a 37.2 and took second-place on the vault (9.55). She won the vault title at the 1997 League Championships scoring a 9.45, and also competed in a private club at the Berks Gymnastics Academy in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Personal: Born 12/21/78 ... Daughter of Susan and Kenneth Morgan ... Has yet to declare a major.

"Before you judge me, try hard to love me, look within your heart and ask, have you seen my childhood."

MARYLAND GYMNASTS

Karyn Fein - Freshman - 5'2 - All-Around - Charlotte, N.C./Providence

Talented student-athlete with the physical and mental ability to succeed. Will see action in the all-around competition for the Terrapins. **High School:** At the Level 10 States in 1994, she won first place in the vault, bars, and all-around competition. Won the all-around competition at the Gym Carolina Classic in 1995. Was also the bars and floor champion in 1995 for the Level 10 States. At the Level 10 States in 1996, she took first place on the vault and beam. Her performance at the 1996 Level 10 Regionals earned her a spot at the Level 10 Nationals where she scored a 9.425 on the bars. Academically, she ranked third out of 560 students in her class. Member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, and in 1996 she was a semi-finalist for the National Merit Award.

Personal: Born 1/17/79 ... Daughter of Donna and Mark Fein ... Majoring in Animal Science.

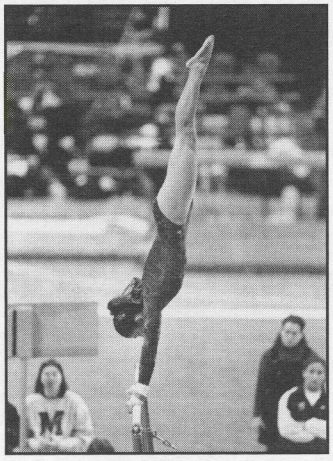
"Accept the challenges so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory."

Jenna Murphy - Freshman - 5'2 - All-Around - Canton, Mass./Canton

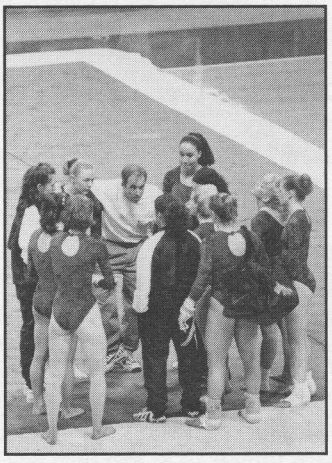
Strong beam and floor worker with great potential. Hard working walk-on from Massachusetts who should contribute heavily for the Terrapins this season. **High School:** Captain of the gymnastics team all four years. Finished second in all-around competition at the High School National Championships in 1997. Was also a USAG Level 10 National Qualifier, and was named the High School Senior Gymnast of the Year. In 1995, she was the Level 10 State Champion. Holds the school record for the all-around competition with a score of 36.80. Was voted to the All-Scholastic Team four consecutive years by the *Patriot Ledger,* the *Boston Herald*, and the *Boston Globe*.

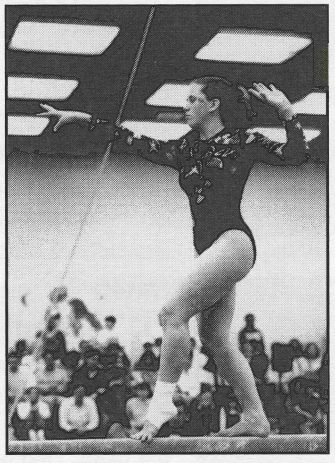
Personal: Born 3/29/79 ... Daughter of Denise and Peter Murphy ... Has yet to declare a major.

"Success doesn't come to you ... you go get it."

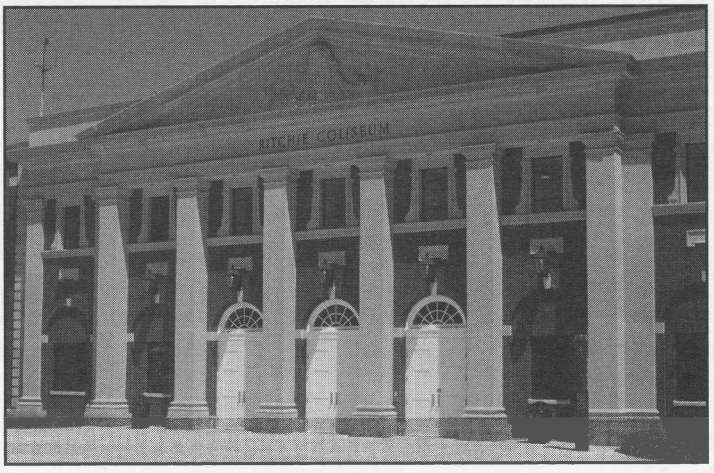


Jenny Engel





Christine Holcombe



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1998 MARYLAND GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

JANUARY			
9	**TOWSON UNIVERSITY**	**HOME**	**5:00 p.m.**
16	Temple University	Away	6:00 p.m
24	University of Rhode Island	Away	5:00 p.m.
30	University of Florida	Away	7:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY			
7	**GOVERNOR'S CUP**	**HOME**	**2:00 p.m.**
14	University of West Virginia	Away	7:00 p.m.
22	Towson Invitational	Away	TBA
24	George Washington University	Away	7:30 p.m.
27	Bermuda Invitational	Away	7:30 p.m.
MARCH			
7	Bubble Invitational at N.C. State	Away	7:00 p.m.
11	**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**	**HOME**	**7:00 p.m.**
21	EAGL Championships at Rutgers	Away	
APRIL			
3	Southeast Regionals at Georgia	Away	

1998 OUTLOOK

There is much optimism surrounding the Terrapin Gymnastics Team for the 1998 season. With 14 gymnasts returning and the addition of three exceptional freshmen, Maryland looks to become one of the top competitors in both the East Atlantic Gymnastics League and the country.

In the all-around competition, look for a variety of faces to lead the Terrapins including seniors **Stacy Breidenbach**, **Megyn Byrnes**, **Jenny Wright** (who competed this past summer in the World University Games) and **Lauren Urbaniak**, who is fully recovered from an achilles injury that limited her ability to compete last season. Breidenbach finished 10th in the all-around at the NCAA Southeast Regionals and Byrnes placed sixth overall at the EAGL Championships (38.8). Byrnes was named to the EAGL second-team in the all-around, and finished 20th overall in her third consecutive Southeast Regional performance. Also, watch for younger faces to participate in the all-around competition. Sophomore **Rachel Dolbin**, last year's EAGL Outstanding Rookie Gymnast, will compete for a spot in the starting rotation, as will juniors **Jenny Engel** and **Christine Holcombe**. Dolbin set a new Maryland all-around record last season as she scored a 39.250 against Radford, finished 13th at the EAGL Championships, and was named to the EAGL second-team in the all-around. Engel placed ninth overall at the EAGL Championships with a 38.4, marking her individual high for the season and competed at the Southeast Regionals. This depth will make the Terrapins very tough in the all-around competition.

On the bars, expect seniors **Alexis Moran** and **Kelley Callaway** to be strong competitors for the Terrapins. Moran twice scored a personal season-high of 9.825, one coming against Radford, where she also took first place in the meet, and the other was a 16th-place finish at the EAGL Championships. Callaway's season-high on the bars was a 9.625 at the Bubble Invitational. Byrnes should also contribute after being named to the EAGL second team on bars. Look for junior **Denise Driscoll** to also get involved in the bars competition as well.

Breidenbach, Urbaniak, Wright, and Dolbin all contributed heavily on the beam last year and this year should be no different. Breidenbach was named to the EAGL's first team for the beam as she tied her individual meet high against Northern Illinois (9.775). Wright posted a season-high on the beam (9.550) at the EAGL Championships, the third highest score by a Terrapin gymnast at the EAGL's and 29th overall. Urbaniak and Dolbin will look for much success this year as well.

The floor competition is expected to be led by Breidenbach and Byrnes. Byrnes set a meet high with a 9.825 at the Bubble Invitational and Breidenbach tied an individual meet high at the Bubble Invitational with a 9.825. Expect additional contributions from Dolbin and Engel.

Sophomore **Shelly Hernandez** will lead the Terrapins in the vault competition, along with fellow sophomore **Ashly Albert** and senior Byrnes. Hernandez twice set the Maryland individual record on the vault scoring a 9.8 against Northern Illinois and then breaking that mark one week later against Radford, scoring a 9.850. Her performance earned her a spot on the EAGL second team for the vault. Albert's high on the vault (9.7) came against Radford, contributing to Maryland's record setting team score of 193.800. Byrnes scored a 9.775 at the Governor's Cup, which at the time set the Maryland individual record, before Hernandez broke it.

In addition, expect many other gymnasts to compete for starting positions. Among those are junior Christine Holcombe, sophomores **Shannon Buckley** and **Elize Burke**, and freshmen **Karyn Fein**, **Jodi Morgan**, and **Jenna Murphy**.

Expect great things from the Maryland Gymnastics Team this season. The combination of experience, youth, and depth will make the Terrapins one of the toughest squads in the league this year and for years to come.

1998 OPPONENTS

SCHOOL: Auburn University
LOCATION: Auburn, Ala.
PRESIDENT: Dr. William V. Muse
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: David Housel
NICKNAME: Tigers
COLORS: Burnt Orange and Navy Blue
HOME ARENA: Beard-Haves Memorial Stadium
CONFERENCE: Southeastern
HEAD COACH: Robert Dillar
ASSISTANT COACHES: Sherry Johnson, Roy Klaff
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 10-12
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 6th
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 8/4

SCHOOL: University of North Carolina
LOCATION: Chapel Hill, N. C.
PRESIDENT: Michael Hooker
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Dick Baddour
NICKNAME: Tar Heels
COLORS: Carolina Blue & White
HOME ARENA: Carmichael Auditorium
CONFERENCE: East Atlantic
HEAD COACH: Derek Glavin
ASSISTANT COACH: Penny Johnson
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 11-5
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 5th
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST:14/3

SCHOOL: University of Florida
LOCATION: Gainesville, Fla.
PRESIDENT: Dr. John Lombardi
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Jeremy Foley
NICKNAME: Gators
COLORS: Orange and Blue
HOME ARENA: Stephen C. O'Connell Center
CONFERENCE: Southeastern
HEAD COACH: Judi Markell
ASSISTANT COACHES: Bob Moore, Dennis Harrison
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 13-5-1
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 2nd
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 7/6

SCHOOL: North Carolina State University
LOCATION: Raleigh, N. C.
PRESIDENT: Dr. Larry K. Monteith
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Les Robinson
NICKNAME: Wolfpack
COLORS: Red & White
HOME ARENA: Reynolds Coliseum
CONFERENCE: East Atlantic
HEAD COACH: Mark Stevenson
ASSISTANT COACHES: Sam Schuh, Bridget Foley
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 21-9
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 2nd
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 10/2

SCHOOL: George Washington University
LOCATION: Washington, D.C.
PRESIDENT: Stephen Joel Trachtenberg
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Jack Kvancz
NICKNAME: Colonials
COLORS: Buff and Blue
HOME ARENA: Charles E. Smith Center
CONFERENCE: Atlantic 10
HEAD COACH: Margie Cunningham
ASSISTANT COACHES: Peter Doyle, Lori Franklin
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 17-14
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 2nd
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 7/3

SCHOOL: University of Pittsburgh
LOCATION: Pittsburgh, Pa.
PRESIDENT: Dr. Mark Nordenberg
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Steve Pederson
NICKNAME: Panthers
COLORS: Blue & Gold
HOME ARENA: Fitzgerald Fieldhouse
CONFERENCE: East Atlantic
HEAD COACH: Debra Yohman
ASSISTANT COACH: Jeff Gothard
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 13-12
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 4th
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 10/2

SCHOOL: University of New Hampshire
LOCATION: Durham, N.H.
PRESIDENT: John Weitzel, PhD
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Judy Ray, PhD
NICKNAME: Wildcats
COLORS: Blue & White
HOME ARENA: Lundholm Gymnasium
CONFERENCE: East Atlantic
HEAD COACH: Gail Godspeed
ASSISTANT COACH: Ed Datti
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 11-7
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 3rd
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 12/3

SCHOOL: Radford University
LOCATION: Radford, Va.
PRESIDENT: Dr. Douglas Covington
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Greig Denny
NICKNAME: Highlanders
COLORS: Red, Green, Blue, & White
HOME ARENA: Peters Hall
CONFERENCE: Independent
HEAD COACH: Kurt Turner
ASSISTANT COACH: Dawn Turpin
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 2-20
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: NA
LETTERWINNNERS RETURNING/LOST: 7/3

SCHOOL: University of Rhode Island
LOCATION: Kingston, R.I.
PRESIDENT: Dr. Robert Corothers
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Ron Petro
NICKNAME: Rams
COLORS: Dark Blue, Light Blue, & White
HOME ARENA: Mackel Fieldhouse
CONFERENCE: Atlantic 10
HEAD COACH: Charlie Connery
ASSISTANT COACHES: Chelle Kassabian, Mike Franco
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 7-11
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 4th
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 8/2

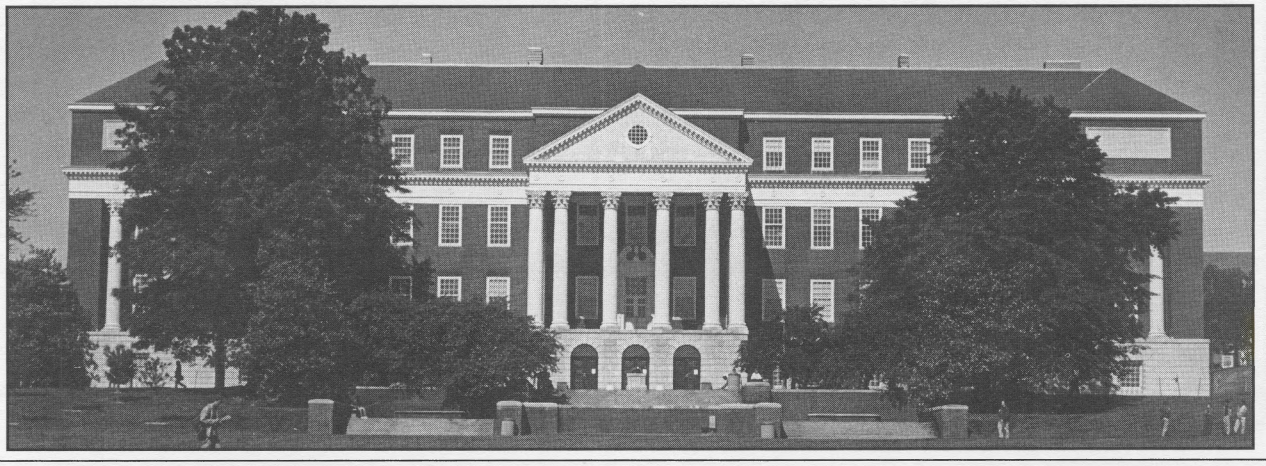
SCHOOL: Towson University
LOCATION: Towson, Md.
PRESIDENT: Dr. Hoke Smith
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Dr. Wayne Edwards
NICKNAME: Tigers
COLORS: Gold, Black, & White
HOME ARENA: Towson Center
CONFERENCE: East Atlantic
HEAD COACH: Dick Filbert
ASSISTANT COACH: Lynda Filbert, Sari Lehmuskallio
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 17-2-1
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 6th
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 8/4

SCHOOL: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
LOCATION: New Brunswick, N. J.
PRESIDENT: Dr. Francis L. Lawrence
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Frederick E. Gruninger
NICKNAME: Scarlet Knights
COLORS: Scarlet
HOME ARENA: College Avenue Gymnasium
CONFERENCE: East Atlantic
HEAD COACH: Chrystal Chollet-Norton
ASSISTANT COACHES: Ben Dungee, Miguel Jimenez
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 5-9
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 8th
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 12/4

SCHOOL: Ursinus College
LOCATION: Collegeville, Pa.
PRESIDENT: John Strassburger
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: William E. Akin, PhD
NICKNAME: Bears
COLORS: Red, Old Gold & Black
HOME ARENA: Helfferich Hall
CONFERENCE: Independent
HEAD COACH: Ray McMahon
ASSISTANT COACH: Suzanne LeDonne
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 3-3
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: NA
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 10/2

SCHOOL: Temple University
LOCATION: Philadelphia, Pa.
PRESIDENT: Peter Liacouras
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Dave O'Brien
NICKNAME: Owls
COLORS: Cherry & White
HOME ARENA: McGonigle Hall
CONFERENCE: Atlantic 10
HEAD COACH: Ken Anderson
ASSISTANT COACH: Ken Miller
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 6-18
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 3rd
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 10/3

SCHOOL: West Virginia University
LOCATION: Morgantown, W. Va.
PRESIDENT: David C. Hardesty, Jr.
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Ed Pastilong
NICKNAME: Mountaineers
COLORS: Old Gold & Blue
HOME ARENA: West Virginia University Coliseum
CONFERENCE: East Atlantic
HEAD COACH: Linda Burdette
ASSISTANT COACH: Jay Ronayne, Cari DuBois
1997 OVERALL RECORD: 22-3
1997 CONFERENCE FINISH: 1st
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST: 11/1



1997 RESULTS

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND 1997 SEASON RESULTS
11-18 Overall, 2-13 EAGL

January 19	**Maryland**	**190.775**	**University of Rhode Island**	**183.475**
January 25	Maryland	189.900	University of New Hampshire*	192.050
			University of Pittsburgh*	190.575
			Bowling Green	188.650
February 2	**Maryland**	**188.675**	**Towson State***	**189.050**
February 9	Maryland	190.650	Towson State*	194.475
Governor's Cup			University of North Carolina*	192.825
			North Carolina State*	190.200
February 16	Maryland	191.175	Oregon State	194.375
			Michigan State	193.025
			George Washington	191.400
February 23	Maryland	189.450	Towson State*	193.950
Towson Invitational			George Washington	190.825
			University of Pennsylvania	185.900
			William & Mary	184.475
			Temple University	184.625
March 1	Maryland	190.350	North Carolina State*	195.475
Bubble Invitational			George Washington	192.575
			William & Mary	189.950
			Radford University	186.900
March 11	**Maryland**	**192.775**	**Northern Illinois**	**192.150**
March 15	**Maryland**	**193.800**	**Radford University**	**187.075**
March 25	Maryland	191.775	West Virginia*	196.000
EAGL Championships			North Carolina State*	195.100
			New Hampshire*	193.100
			University of Pittsburgh*	192.850
			University of North Carolina*	192.325
			Towson State*	192.100
			Rutgers University*	190.050

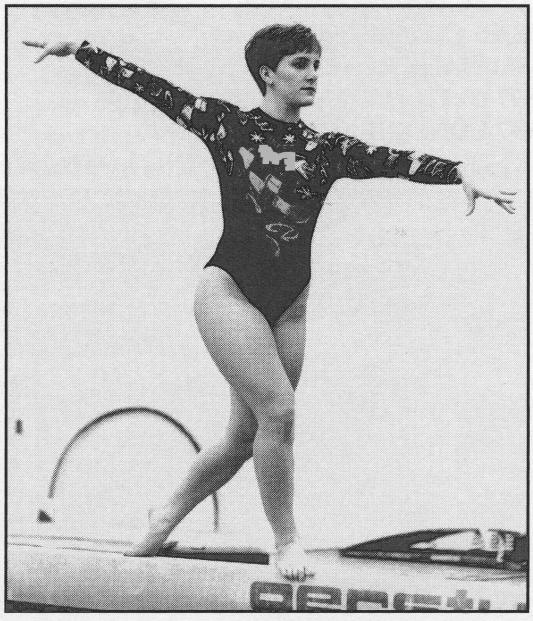
HOME MATCHES IN BOLD *INDICATES EAGL OPPONENTS

TERRAPIN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

BARS: 9.875 by Alexis Moran, 3/16/96
BEAM: 9.850 by Stacy Breidenbach, 3/16/96; and Rachel Dolbin, 1/19/97
FLOOR: 9.850 by Marisa DiNatale, 3/16/96; Robin Swick, 2/21/86; and Rachel Dolbin, 3/15/97
VAULT: 9.850 by Shelly Hernandez, 3/11/97
ALL-AROUND: 39.150 by Rachel Dolbin, 3/15/97

TERRAPIN TEAM RECORDS

BARS: 48.625 vs. Pitt, JMU, Indiana (Pa.), 3/16/96
BEAM: 48.525 vs. N.C. State, UNC, William & Mary, Radford, 3/23/96
FLOOR: 48.725 vs. Pitt, JMU, Indiana (Pa.), 3/16/96
VAULT: 48.750 vs. Radford, 3/11/97
TEAM: 193.800 vs. Radford, 3/15/97



Marisa DiNatale is one of three gymnasts who share the all-time floor record.

1997 SEASON RECAP

After amassing 11 wins and sending four gymnasts to the Southeast Regionals in 1997, the Maryland Gymnastics Team looks to 1998 with a great deal of excitement and anticipation.

Despite the Terrapins' most challenging schedule ever and the grind of taking on teams with more scholarships and funding, the Terrapins (11-18) narrowly missed qualifying for the Southeast Regionals for the second consecutive year. However, Maryland was well-represented at the Regionals as four gymnasts - juniors Megyn Byrnes and Stacy Breidenbach, sophomore Jenny Engel, and freshman Rachel Dolbin - qualified individually.

During the long season, there were some terrific wins, some tough losses, and five individual and team records broken.

In the the first meet of the season, the Terrapins got off to a exceptional start as they broke the 190 team mark against previously undefeated Rhode Island. The 190.775 effort was aided by Dolbin who, in her first collegiate meet, tied the Terrapin individual record with a 9.85 on the beam. Byrnes also shined as she took first-place in the all-around competition.

The third meet of the young season saw the Terrapins battle then 21st-ranked Towson State. Despite the Terrapins winning three of the four individual events, including Byrnes' performance of 9.8 on the bars, the Tigers claimed victory by less than a point, 189.050 - 188.675.

The following week at the Governor's Cup, Maryland joined forces with Towson State and helped give the state of Maryland the win over the state of North Carolina (University of North Carolina and North Carolina State). In the process, Byrnes accomplished two impressive feats as she scored a 9.775 on the vault, marking a new Terrapin individual record in that event, helping Maryland score a team-record 48.175 on the vault. Later in the meet, Byrnes outdid herself by breaking the Terrapin all-around individual record with a 38.950, placing her second behind Towson State's All-America candidate Erin Shanley.

Maryland remained on the road the following week, traveling to the Spartan Invitational at Michigan State. The Terrapins posted their top score of the season to that point (191.175) and the fourth-highest team score in the program's history, but placed fourth. However, there were again some outstanding individual performances, including that of junior Stacy Breidenbach. Breidenbach scored a 9.775 on the vault, tying Byrnes' one-week old record. This mark along with two 9.7's, a 9.65, a 9.6, and a 9.35, helped Maryland break its one-week old vault record with a 48.425.

At the Bubble Invitational, the Terrapins once again broke 190 for the third time in the season, but the day belonged to N.C. State. The Wolfpack broke a team record with 195.475, while Maryland hit its season average of 190.350. Byrnes once again had a record-setting day, as she tied the Terrapin individual record with a 9.775 on the vault. In addition, Breidenbach and Dolbin each posted strong all-around scores, as they scored 38.300 and 38.250, respectively.

The next week was an eventful one for the Terrapins as they found themselves competing in the "close quarters" of North Gym. The Terrapins went on to sweep dual meets against Northern Illinois and Radford.

Against Northern Illinois, the Terrapins scored their second-highest total in team history posting a 192.775, defeating the Huskies, who scored a solid 192.150. Byrnes, who held Maryland's all-time all-around record at the beginning of the season (38.925), broke her own record for the second time in the season by posting a 38.975. Two other records were broken as freshman Shelly Hernandez broke the Terrapin individual vault record with a 9.800, helping the team again break its vault record with a score of 48.650.

Later in the week, Maryland kept up its winning ways as they broke four more team records en route to a decisive 193.800 - 187.050 victory over Radford. The team all-around record was beaten by .50 points one year to the day it was broken last year. Hernandez and the Terrapins remained impressive on the vault as Hernandez broke her one-week old vault record with a 9.850 and the team broke its record with a 48.750. Dolbin became the first Terrapin to shatter the sacred 39.0 mark in the all-around with a stellar effort of 39.250.

Maryland concluded its season with a seventh-place finish at the EAGL Championships at N.C. State.

1997 SEASON RECAP

The Terrapins' score of 191.775 was aided by Byrnes' sixth-place all-around finish (38.800) and Dolbin's sixth-place finish on the bars (9.850).

Several gymnasts received individual EAGL honors at the end of the season, including three of the four individual regional qualifiers. Byrnes received second-team All-EAGL honors for both the bars and all-around competition. Breidenbach earned first-team All-EAGL honors on the beam to go along with EAGL All-Academic honors. Dolbin earned the coveted EAGL Outstanding Rookie Gymnast honor and joined Byrnes on the second-team in the bars and all-around events.

While Maryland did not qualify for the regionals as a team, four gymnasts - Dolbin, Byrnes, Breidenbach, and Engel - represented the Terrapins at the Southeast Regionals in Lexington, Kentucky. Breidenbach led the Terrapins in the individual competition with a 10th-place all-around finish, scoring 38.450, followed by Byrnes' 37.775, and Engel's 35.925. Dolbin participated on the uneven bars event and was the Terrapins high scorer with a 9.725 and 14th-place.

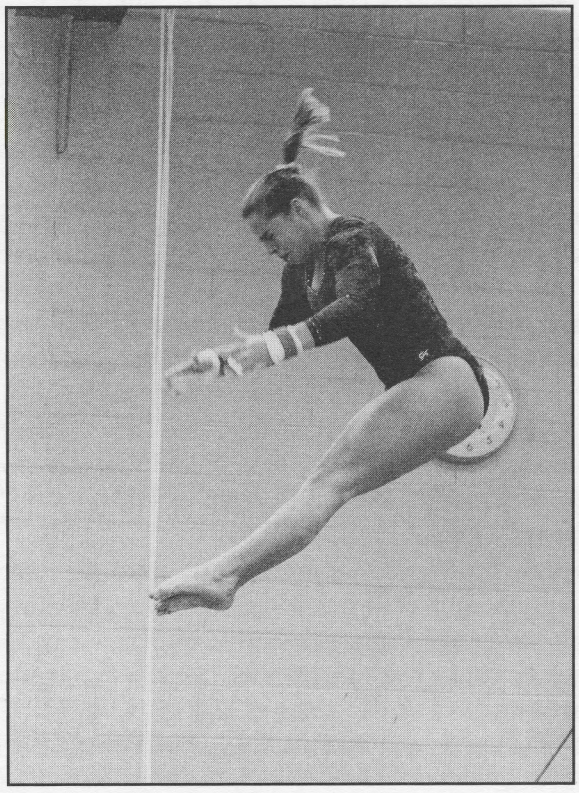
Strong competition brought out the best in Maryland and with 14 gymnasts returning from last year's team, there is every reason to believe that trend will continue in Maryland's resurgent, up-and-coming program.

MARYLAND TEAM HIGHS

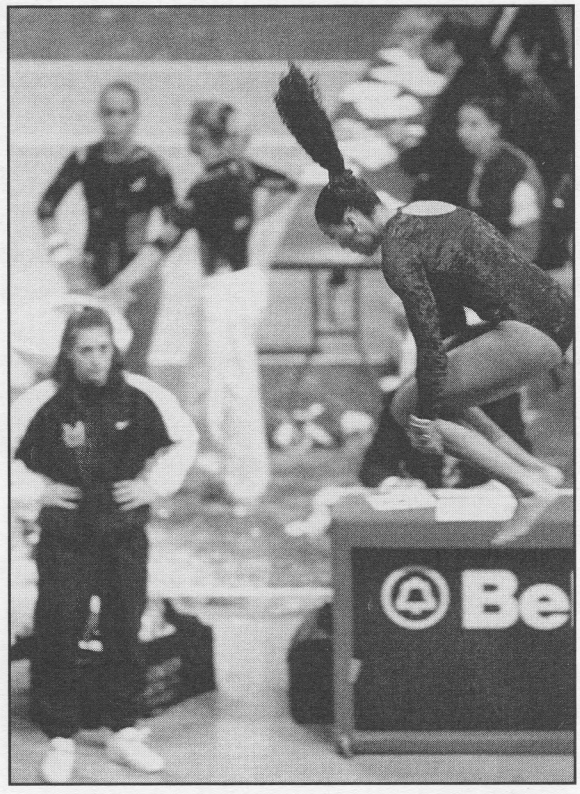
BARS: 48.475 - 3/15/97 vs. Radford University
BEAM: 48.325 - 3/11/97 vs. Northern Illinois
FLOOR:48.525 - 3/15/97 vs. Radford University
VAULT: 48.750 - 3/15/97 vs. Radford University
TEAM: 193.800 - 3/15/97 vs. Radford University

MARYLAND INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

BARS: 9.850 - Rachel Dolbin - 3/25/97 at EAGL's
BEAM: 9.850 - Rachel Dolbin - 1/11/97 vs. Rhode Island
FLOOR: 9.850 - Rachel Dolbin - 3/15/97 vs. Radford
VAULT: 9.850 - Shelly Hernandez - 3/15/97 vs. Radford
ALL-AROUND: 39.250 - Rachel Dolbin - 3/15/97 vs. Radford



Rachel Dolbin surprised the nation last year as she captured EAGL Outstanding Rookie Gymnast of the Year honors.



Shelly Hernandez performed exceptionally on the vault last season and set the Maryland individual record against Radford with a 9.850.

THE HISTORY OF THE EAGL

The East Atlantic Gymnastics League became a reality on July 31, 1995, when eight prominent universities banded together to form a consortium created solely for the purpose of showcasing women's gymnastics on the East Coast. Representing three conferences and six states, the EAGL is comprised of the University of Maryland, the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State Univesity of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the University of Pittsburgh, Rutgers University and West Virginia University of the Big East Conference and the University of New Hampshire and Towson University of the America East (formerly North Atlantic) Conference. In August of 1996, the NCAA Council accepted the EAGL as an official affiliated member of the NCAA.

EAGL schools have a history of gymnastics success. Towson has eight East Coast Athletic Conference titles to its credit, while New Hampshire has four. West Virginia won four straight Atlantic 10 conference crowns before leaving that league to join the EAGL. Seven of the eight schools have competed in the NCAA Regionals, while New Hampshire, Towson and West Virginia have gone on to NCAA Championship competition. Last season the EAGL showcased the national gymnast of the year, West Virginia's Kristin Quackenbush, who won the prestigious AAI American Award. In 1982, Pittsburgh produced NCAA bars champion Lisa Shirk.

The EAGL was once again well represented in NCAA competition. Five EAGL teams earned NCAA Regional bids and Towson's Erin Shanley, New Hampshire's Cara Lepper, Danielle Lilly of West Virginia and Samantha Salyers from Pittsburgh advanced to the NCAA Championships. Lilly became the league's first NCAA Regional champion, tying for first on the balance beam.

During the regular season, EAGL teams compiled a 73-33 record (.689 winning percentage) against non-conference competition. Included in that were wins against nationally ranked Michigan, Florida, Penn State, Michigan State (three times), Ohio State, Massachusetts and Kent (twice). New Hampshire, North Carolina State, Towson and West Virginia were all ranked in the top 25 at one point during the year, including WVU's EAGL and school-high ranking of No. 4.

To no one's surprise, the second annual EAGL Championships were even more competitive than in year number one as West Virginia held off a gallant charge by hometown favorite North Carolina State to win its second straight EAGL crown. WVU tallied a meet-record 196.0 points to edge the Wolfpack's 195.1. New Hampshire was next with 193.1 points, followed by an impressive fourth-place showing from Pittsburgh (192.85). North Carolina (192.325), Towson (192.1), Maryland (191.775) and Rutgers (190.05) rounded out the field.

West Virginia's Quackenbush tied with N.C. State's Stephanie Wall for top all-around honors (39.1). In the individual events, Shanley was a two-time winner, tying for first on bars (9.925) and winning outright on vault (9.9). Quackenbush won the floor exercise with a 9.95. The surprise of the meet was the performances of a pair of feshmen -- Salyers and Lilly. Salyers literally came from nowhere to tie Shanley for top bar honors, while Lilly's 9.9 balance beam was good enough to tie Lepper for high honors.

Quackenbush was named EAGL Gymnast Of The Year (unanimous) and outstanding senior gymnast in a vote of the league coaches. Maryland's Rachel Dolbin impressed in her freshman season, garnering EAGL rookie of the year. Molly Gardner was named EAGL scholar-athlete, while Towson's Dick Filbert was named the coach of the year.

The EAGL was also well represented in the classroom with 20 gymnasts earning NACGC Scholastic All-America recognition. North Carolina's Gardner was one of six Tar Heels to receive scholastic All-America recognition; her all-scholastic teammates included Susan Cummingham, Jen DeLuca, Amanda Mitchell, Erica Roberts and Joni Smith. Pittsburgh also placed a league-high six gymnasts on the academic squad, paced by Lisa Fronhofer's 4.0. Other Panther gymnasts recognized were Lori Buck, Sara-Claire Campesino, Pam Lieberman, Vanessa Rutherford and Robyn Senior. West Virginia's Jessica Nonnemacher was another 4.0 student and was joined on the academic list by teammates Quackenbush, Adriana Manago, and Shelley White. Maryland placed three gymnasts on the NACGC team in Pam Bradley, Stacy Breidenbach and Heather Burke, while New Hampshire's Katharine Fader was the lone Wildcat recognized.

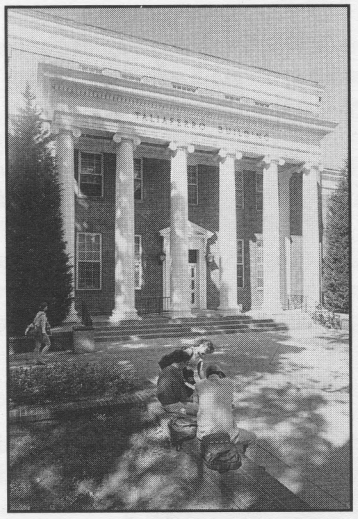
As the 1998 season approaches there is much to look forward to as the focus turns to the EAGL Championships which will be hosted by Rutgers. A phenominal 87 percent of EAGL gymnasts will be returning for 1998. In fact, all schools except Rutgers return 12 or more gymnasts from their 1997 rosters.

EAGL champions returning for 1998 include Lepper, Lilly, Salyers and Wall. Plus take a look at how many all-EAGL first teamers return for 1998: Stacy Breidenbach (Maryland), Lepper and Denise Gregorio (New Hampshire), Shelly Austin, Amanda Mitchell and Joni Smith (North Carolina), Wall (North Carolina State), Danielle "Freddie" Alba (Pittsburgh), Heather Hansen (Towson) and Jessica Nonnemacher, Umme Salim and Nikki West (West Virginia).

The EAGL is headquartered at West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va. The director is former Pittsburgh gymnast and head coach Donna Sanft, who is currently an assistant athletic director with the Panthers. Other EAGL officers include chairperson Linda Burdette (West Virginia), secretary Mark Stevenson (North Carolina State), treasurer Dick Filbert (Towson) and public relations director Greg Walker (West Virginia).

EAST ATLANTIC GYMNASTICS LEAGUE

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND



PICTURE: A university so comprehensive that it offers degrees in 98 disciplines, so technologically advanced that it manages specially-designed research facilities not found on any other campus in the country and boasts a telecommunications system which serves as a model for universities worldwide. And, at the same time, it is a university concerned enough to include special housing matched to student interests and to ensure that half of all undergraduate classes have fewer than 30 students. That's a snapshot of the University of Maryland, College Park, the flagship institution of Maryland's system of higher education.

Academic Stature: One of only 30 public research universities in the prestigious 58-member Association of American Universities; among fewer than 10 percent of universities invited to join Phi Beta Kappa.

Baccalaureate Choices: Degrees offered in 98 disciplines; pre-professional programs in dental hygiene, dentistry, law, medical technology, medicine, nursing, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy and pediatric medicine.

Dramatic Moments: Find them in the 1,350 seat Tawes Theater, the stage for major theatrical productions and special events.

Faculty Facts: Full-time, 1,998; part-time 544; student/faculty ratio, 14/1.

Getting There: The MARC train offers public transportation from College Park to Baltimore's Camden Station, next to Orioles Park at Camden Yards and near the Inner Harbor. The highly efficient Metro system puts the Suburban Maryland, District of Columbia and Northern Virginia areas a rapid transit system ride away from College Park.

Ideas: More than 100 active patent disclosures by university inventors are managed by the Office of Technology Liaison.

Journalist's Pick: The College of Journalism was selected as one of two sites in the U.S. for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, and named one of the nations' top communications programs by the Gannett Center for Media Studies.

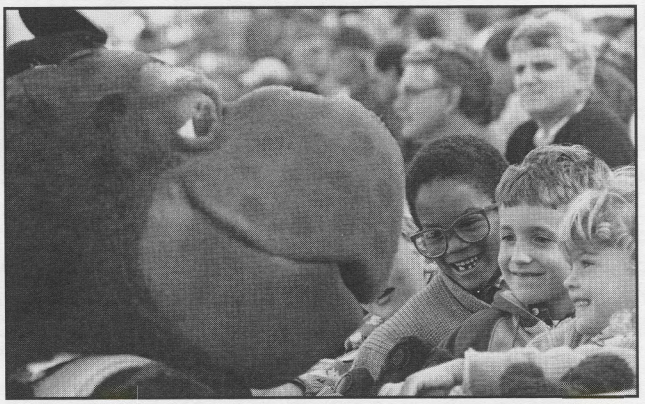
Library Holdings: Largest academic research library system in Washington metropolitan area. There are 2.8 million volumes in libraries and 4.6 million items on microfilm.

Nationally Noted: A dozen academic departments and programs at College Park are placed in top 10 among U.S. public universities by the National Academy of Sciences.

Neighbors: Campus neighbors include the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institutions, the National Institutes of Health, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Center. On campus is National Archives II.

U.S. News and World Report Finds: The Department of Computer Science ranks 12th in the nation, beating three Ivy League schools, and the Department of Physics is 13th best, ahead of UCLA and Pennsylvania among others. The Public Relations Graduate Program is the #1 program in the country. The College of Business and Management is considered 14th in student selectivity.

Value Added: College Park is included in the Guide to 101 of the Best Values in Colleges and Universities, published annually by the Center for College Enrollment Studies.



Maryland in statistics compiled by the National Research Council (NRC) ranked 18 of the graduate programs as "strong" or "excellent".

Maryland according to the NRC ranked among the 10 best public universities in Computer Science, Physics, Mathematics, Electrical Engineering, Economics and Oceanography.

Maryland's College of Journalism was ranked by the Gannett Foundation as one of 11 exemplary programs nationally.

Maryland was chosen by Money magazine as one of the 100 "Best Buys" nationally.

Maryland was one of only nine top-ranked honors programs in Ivy League Programs at State School Prices.

Maryland ranked eighth in the nation in number of Fulbright Scholarships awarded (28 in 1994-95).

Maryland is in the top three of non-historically black institutions in number of African-Americans receiving bachelor's degrees.

Maryland is second in the U.S. among non-historically black institutions in number of African-American graduates who go on to earn doctorates, according to the National Research Council.

Maryland won the 1996 Boeing award for most outstanding engineering education program in the nation.

Maryland has had 1,568 student-athletes named to the Scholar Athlete Honor Roll (3.0+ GPA) in last decade.

Maryland's 1995 overall athletic graduation rate, 68%, exceeds the overall University graduation rate (66%), and has increased from 55% in 1991 (students entering in 1984-85).

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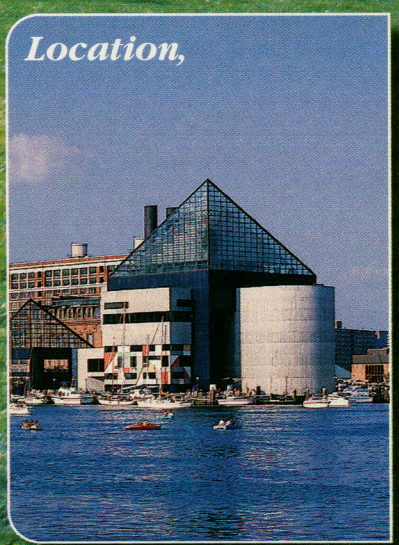
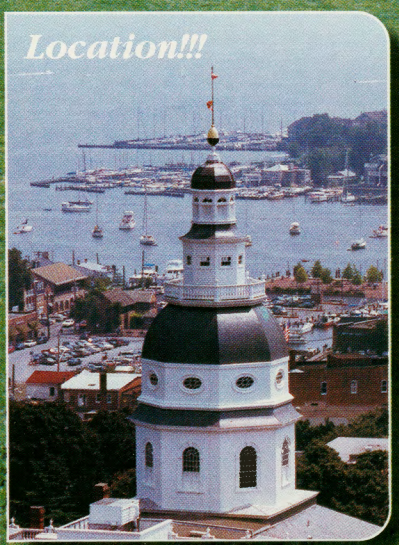
McKeldin Library is part of A College Park system that contains millions of volumes. Recently refurbished, McKeldin's front plaza is home of Testudo.



35 miles separate College Park from Baltimore and the Inner Harbor, with easy access by train available.

3 miles are all that separate College Park from Washington, D.C. The Washington Monument is less than 10 miles away—a short drive or Metro ride.



Annapolis' waterways lead into the Chesapeake Bay, with room for thousands of sailboats.

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